(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. However, combination formulations of Vitamins are price controlled.

(b) and (c) As the drug referred to in the question is a combination containing Vitamins, it falls under price controlled category.

Shortage of Coal Tar

*373. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand of the Public Works Departments for the supply of Coal Tar used in the construction of roads is not being met because there is reported shortage of Coal Tar in the country;

(b) if so, how do Government plan to meet the demand of various State P.W.Ds; and

(c) whether Government are taking any steps to step up the production of Coal Tar in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) It is expected that the total bitumen requirement of the country in the current financial year, assessed at about 1,450 million tonnes, including the demand of the Public Works Departments of the States and Union Territories, would be met practically in full from indigenous production.

Taking over of Mavoor Units of Gwalior Rayons

*374. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for taking over the Mavoor units of Gwalior Rayons, has been under the consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) A request has been received from the Government of Kerala for the take over of the management of the Gwalior Rayons Factory at Mavoor in District Kozhikode, under Section 18-AA (1)(b) of the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951. The Central Government do not intend to take over the management of the unit.

Permission to M/s. IPICOL to manufacture Gentamycin Sulphate in Orissa

*375. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. IPICOL has sought permission from Government to manufacture Gentamycin Sulphate in Orisa;

(b) whether the letter of intent has been granted to IPICOL; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof indicating the capacity of the plant?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) It has been agreed in principle, to grant a Letter of Intent to M/s. IPICOL for the manufacture of 5000 Kgs/annum of Gentamycin Sulphate in Distt. Ganjam (Orissa).